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| Applicant : | Tsuruo, et al.       | ) Group Art Unit 1654 |
| Appl. No. : | 09/221,931           | )                     |
| Filed :     | December 28, 1998    | )                     |
| For :       | TELOMERASE INHIBITOR | )                     |
| Examiner :  | M. Borin             | )                     |

SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT  
AND  
RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND  
NOTICE OF COMPLY WITH SEQUENCE REQUIREMENTS

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the communication from the Examiner mailed May 10, 1999. Prior to examination of the above-captioned application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SEQUENCE LISTING:

Please delete the Sequence Listing having page numbers 17 and 18 filed December 28, 1998, and insert the attached substituted pages having page numbers 1 and 2.

IN THE CLAIMS

**Please amend Claim 11 as follows:**

11. (Twice amended) A method of inhibiting [a] telomerase activity comprising a step of contacting cells exhibiting telomerase activity with a telomerase inhibitor [as claimed in Claim 1] comprising a catechin in an amount effective to inhibit the telomerase activity.

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